

RE: Proceeding #02-306

On behalf of the Central Labor Council of Stanislaus and Tuolumne Counties, I strongly urge your support of SBC Pacific Bell's application to enter the long distance telecommunications market in California.

Combining long distance with their local service (and other products such as voicemail and call waiting), SBC Pacific Bell would be on an equal playing field with other companies by being able to provide one-stop shopping for customers.

SBC Pacific Bell is one of the state's largest private union employers, and we in California are anxiously awaiting their entry into the California long distance market – bringing more opportunities for the working men and women who are members of the Communications Workers of America.

Again, I urge your support of SBC Pacific Bell and their efforts.

Sincerely,

Lucille Palmer-Byrd  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Central Labor Council of Stanislaus & Tuolumne Counties